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1. Large thermo-electric power stations are located in Dimitrovgrad, in the Mariy No quarter. The names of these power stations are Maritsa and Stalin. The Stalin station is not yet in working condition. The Maritsa station provides electric current to the following cities: Stara Zagora, Kazanluk, Turnovo, Gorna Oryakhovitsa, Sliven, Kotel, Nova Zagora, Yambol, Elhovo, Topolovgrad, Svilengrad, Harmanlii, Simeonovgrad, Haskovo, Kurdzhali, Momchilgrad, Krumovgrad, Ivaylovgrad, Borisovgrad, Chirpan, and some villages in the vicinity of these cities.
2. The Vica hydro-electric power station is in the valley southwest of Plovdiv in the village of Vica. This station provides electric current to the following cities: Plovdiv, Pazardzhik, Panagjurishte, Karlovo, Kalofer, Sopot, Koprivshitsa, Klisura, Pirdop, Zlatitsa, Peshtera, Bratsigovo, Devin, Smolyan, and villages in the vicinity of these cities. There are auxiliary electric stations in Plovdiv and Pazardzhik.
3. In the Burgas area, electric power is supplied by the electric power station in the Cherna More coal mines, 10 kilometers north of Burgas. The old name of this station is Adriya.
4. In addition, there are powerful electric plants in Sofia, Samokov, and Mezdra.
5. During the last two years work has continued on a modern airfield one kilometer south of Bezmer station on the Nova Zagora-Yambol railroad, which is 5 to 7 kilometers southwest of Yambol. At present, about 1,500 Trudovaks are working on concrete underground installations. It is reported that these are going to be underground hangars, that the Yambol airfield will be transferred here, and that this field will be made into an air base. About 2,000 decares of land have been taken for this field from Bezmer, Kermen, and Yambol. Electric current is obtained from the Yambol and Kermen stations. The field is going to be connected to the Georgi Drazhevo station on the Yambol-Elhovo railroad.

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